State/Union Territories	Mangrove areas
Andaman & Nicobar	17. North Andamans 18. Nicobar
Kerala	19. Vembanad
Karnataka	20. Coondapur 21. Dakshin Kannada/Honnavar 22. Karwar
Goa	23. Goa
Maharashtra	24. Achra-Ratnagiri 25. Devgarh-Vijay Durg 26. Veldur 27. Kundalika-Revdanda 28. Mumbra-Diva 29. Vikroli 30. Shreevardhan 31. Vaitarna 32. Vasai-Manori 33. Malvan
Gujarat	34. Gulf of Kutchh 35. Gulf of Khambhat

Pollution free cities

3415. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to declare Tirupathi Tirumala as pollution free city;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Madurai and Kanchipuram will also declared as pollution free cities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) under the Eco-city programme has taken up Tirupathi for eco-city development of the core area of the Tirupathi town. There is at present no plan to take up the Tirumala town under the said

programme. The objective of the programme, which is present under implementation, is to undertake schemes relating to environmental protection, which include land-use plan, traffic and transportation plan, sewerage and drainage including water harvesting, solid waste management, plantation, landscaping and urban design plan.

(c) to (e) Under the ongoing Eco-city Programme, six towns namely Kottayam, Tirupathi, Ujjain, Vrindava, Puri and Thanjavour, having religious/ tourist importance and population less than five lakhs, have been taken up under the pilot phase during the Tenth Plan. As regards Madurai and Kanchipuram, no proposal relating to these towns is reported to have been received by the CPCB.

Iron ore mining at Kudremukh mines

3416. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Empowered Committee has recommended that all iron ore mining operations at Kudermukh mines be closed down;

(b) what are the specific reasons advanced by the CEC for closing this mine (KIOCL);

(c) to what extent the mine was closed due to the presence of a sanctuary in its area;

(d) whether the CEC will also react similarly to other areas where game sanctuaries are located; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (e) An Interlocutory Application (I.A. No. 670 of 2001) was filed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India by K.M. Chinnapa versus Union of India and Others in WP (C) No. 202 of 1995, highlighting the negative impacts of mining operations carried out by Kudremukh Iron Ore